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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1846**

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**Introduced by Senator Leslie**

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An act to add *and repeal* Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section 18986.60) ~~to~~ of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1846, as amended, Leslie. Human services: Placer County: pilot program.

Existing law provides for various health and social services for eligible individuals.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Health Services to implement a pilot program in Placer County, upon approval by that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

*This bill would make its provisions inoperative on July 1, 2001, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2002.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of  
2 the following:

3 (a) Health and social services are currently provided  
4 through separate and uncoordinated programs  
5 established in response to narrow categorical funding,  
6 reporting, and reimbursement requirements and  
7 regulations.

8 (b) The current service delivery system for health and  
9 social services is based on a multitude of narrow,  
10 uncoordinated, separately funded, categorical programs  
11 that emphasize short-term crisis management over  
12 prevention, and the system typically fails to improve  
13 conditions and outcomes for service beneficiaries.

14 (c) The regulations imposed on California counties in  
15 the delivery of vital health and social services impede  
16 counties from designing and implementing  
17 comprehensive and integrated delivery systems that  
18 would improve service outcomes and reduce duplicative  
19 accountabilities and administrative costs.

20 (d) The design of these integrated delivery systems is  
21 in the best interest of the state.

22 (e) A pilot county should be designated to design and  
23 implement this system, with the results of the pilot  
24 program being able to serve as a test and model of this  
25 concept.

26 (f) In order to determine whether counties can  
27 improve client outcomes by integrating health and social  
28 services, the pilot program should test the feasibility of  
29 allowing counties to do all of the following:

30 (1) Make decisions locally regarding the best use of  
31 county, state, and federal funds in an integrated health  
32 and social services delivery system.

33 (2) Increase the efficiency of administering health and  
34 social services.

35 (3) Ensure accountability through measurable  
36 outcomes.

37 (4) Simplify and consolidate financial and statistical  
38 reporting requirements into a single structure.

(5) Simplify case records and reduce duplicative case reporting on the same client.

(6) Develop an automated case management client information system that will facilitate and coordinate multiple and comprehensive service provisions.

(g) By passage of this act, the Legislature will authorize a pilot program in Placer County and will authorize the appropriate state agencies to cooperate and assist the County of Placer in the design and implementation of the pilot.

(h) Placer County is in the process of restructuring the health and social services delivery system in a manner that will be most responsive to the needs of clients and consumers and that provides necessary services in the most comprehensive and efficient manner.

(i) Because the current service system does not adequately delineate services or funding between children and adult services, this act is relevant to the restructuring of services and financing for children, families, and adult systems of care.

SEC. 2. Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section 18986.60) is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 12.96. PLACER COUNTY INTEGRATED HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

18986.60. (a) The State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Health Services shall implement a pilot program in Placer County, upon approval of that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

~~(b) The county pilot program shall develop a unified system that ensures compliance and accountability across all components of an integrated system.~~

*(b) The Placer County pilot project shall, in providing services through an integrated system to families and individuals, among other things, do all of the following:*

1     *(1) Implement and evaluate a system of universal*  
2     *intake for those seeking services.*

3     *(2) Implement and evaluate a system whereby a*  
4     *family or individual eligible for more than one service*  
5     *may be provided those services by as few as a single*  
6     *county employee, through an integrated, coordinated*  
7     *service plan.*

8     *(3) Implement and evaluate a system of*  
9     *administration that centralizes the management and*  
10    *support of client services.*

11    *(4) Implement and evaluate a system of reporting and*  
12    *accountability that provides for the combined provision*  
13    *of services as provided for in paragraph (2), without the*  
14    *loss of state or federal funds provided under current law.*

15    *(c) The integrated system may include, but need not*  
16    *be limited to, any or all of the following:*

17    *(1) Adoption services.*

18    *(2) Child abuse prevention services.*

19    *(3) Child welfare services.*

20    *(4) Delinquency prevention services.*

21    *(5) Drug and alcohol services.*

22    *(6) Mental health services.*

23    *(7) Eligibility determination.*

24    *(8) Employment and training services.*

25    *(9) Foster care services.*

26    *(10) Health services.*

27    *(11) Public health services.*

28    *(12) Housing services.*

29    *(13) Medically indigent program services.*

30    *(14) All other appropriately identified and targeted*  
31    *services.*

32    *(d) Programs or services shall be included in the pilot*  
33    *project only to the extent that federal funding to either*  
34    *the state or the county will not be reduced as a result of*  
35    *the inclusion of the services in the project.*

36    *(e) The county and the appropriate state departments*  
37    *shall jointly seek federal approval of the pilot project, as*  
38    *may be needed to ensure its funding and allow for the*  
39    *integrated provision of services.*

1 (f) *This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to*  
2 *discontinue meeting its obligations under current law to*  
3 *provide services or to reduce its accountability for the*  
4 *provision of these services.*

5 (g) *This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to*  
6 *reduce Placer County's eligibility under current law for*  
7 *state funding for the services included in the pilot project.*

8 (h) Placer County shall utilize any and all state general  
9 and county funds that it is legally allocated or entitled to  
10 receive. Through the creation of integrated health and  
11 social services structures, the county shall maximize  
12 federal matching funds.

13 18986.61. The county department of health and  
14 human services of Placer County, the State Department  
15 of Social Services, and the State Department of Health  
16 Services shall evaluate the pilot program and shall  
17 prepare a final evaluation and submit the final evaluation  
18 not later than six months following the third year of the  
19 implementation of the pilot program.

20 *The county and the appropriate state departments*  
21 *shall seek private funding to provide for the evaluation of*  
22 *the pilot program.*

23 18986.62. *This chapter shall become inoperative on*  
24 *July 1, 2001, and, as of January 1, 2002, is repealed, unless*  
25 *a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or*  
26 *before January 1, 2002, deletes or extends the dates on*  
27 *which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

